

### Soil and Water Conservation Program

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## Mission

The Soil and Water Conservation Program (SWCP) provides financial incentives to landowners to implement conservation practices that help prevent soil erosion and protect water resources. By promoting good farming techniques that help keep soil on the fields and waters clean, the program helps conserve the productivity of Missouri's working lands.

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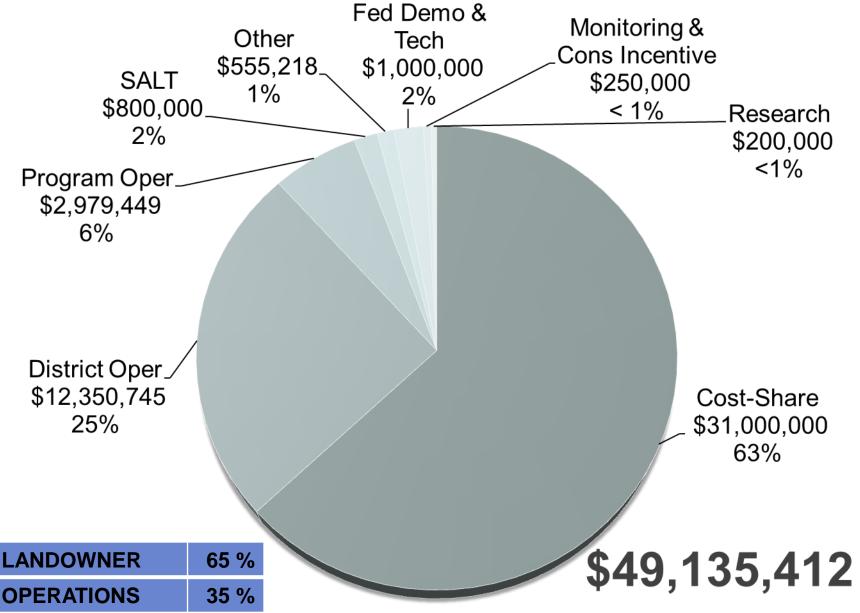
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## Funding

- Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax
  - 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% of all sales in Missouri
  - Renewed every 10 years
    - Next renewal 2016
  - Tax split evenly between Soil and Water
     Conservation Program and Missouri State
     Parks

#### **Soil and Water Conservation Program**

#### FY15 Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed – Post Veto Budget



## Cost-Share Program

- Funding is provided to owners of agricultural land to voluntarily install conservation practices that help reduce soil erosion and protect water quality
- 43 Conservation Practices Available
- 7 Resource Concerns
  - Animal Waste Management 3 practices
  - Grazing Management 6 practices
  - Irrigation Management 6 practices
  - Nutrient and Pest Management 3 practices
  - Sensitive Areas 11 practices
  - Sheet, Rill and Gully Erosion 15 practices
  - Woodland Erosion 4 practices

### Needs Assessment

 Initiated in FY09 for better planning to use costshare funds

Fiscal	Total Needs	
Year	Request	
2011	\$	56,594,017
2012	\$	65,390,390
2013	\$	71,875,080
2014	\$	77,552,424
2015	\$	69,077,998
Total	\$	340,489,909





# Practices Related to Well Drilling and Well Decommissioning

• N351 Well Decommissioning - \$400

N391 Riparian Forest Buffer – up to \$3500

WQ10 Stream Protection – up to \$3500

 DSP 3.1 Grazing System Water Development -\$95/acre served





#### **WQ10 – Stream Protection**

1984; cattle removed in 1988

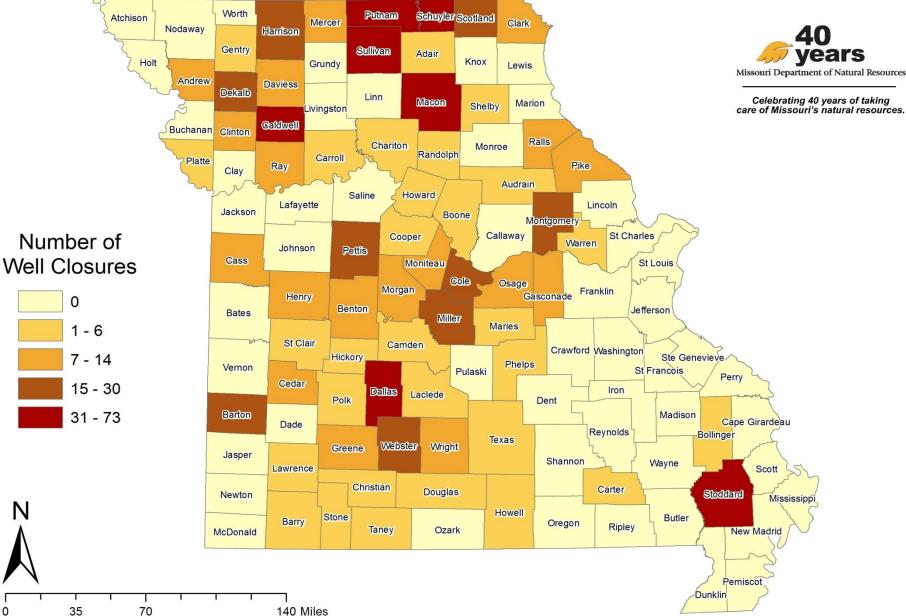
1998 same location 10 years protection from livestock



#### **Soil and Water Conservation Program**

N351 Well Decommissioning - Well Closures FY10-FY14





#### N351 Well Decommissioning Practice Policy

- Purpose: to prevent entry of foreign substances or contaminated surface water to ground water.
- Applicability: Applies to any constructed vertical water well subject to ag nonpoint source contaminants.
- Not applicable to: waste disposal wells, contaminated wells, or cisterns.
- Specifications: must meet NRCS 351 Well Decommissioning specifications which states: "shall comply with Missouri Well Construction Rules (MWCR 10 CSR 23-3.100) of the Missouri Dept. of Nat. Resources (MDNR), Div. of Geology and Land Survey (DGLS), Wellhead Protection Section (WPS) and be compatible with all applicable local, State, Tribal, and Federal Requirements."
- Incentive payment of \$400 upon practice completion

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#### N351 Well Decommissioning







#### How to Request Funds For Cost-Share Project

- 1. Landowner contacts Soil and Water District office to apply for cost-share and verify that they have a FSA number.
- 2. Site visit is performed by SWCD staff to verify eligibility and/or to provide technical assistance if not eligible.
- 3. If eligible, and funding is available, a conservation plan and contract(s) for the desired practice(s) are drawn up.
- 4. Landowner installs practice(s) at their own expense.
- 5. When installed, the landowner contacts the SWCD office to notify SWCD staff for completion and checkout.
- 6. Once checkout is finalized, the paperwork is processed by SWCD for payment of the practice, up to 75% of state average cost.
- 7. Landowner receives payment via direct deposit.

## Special Projects

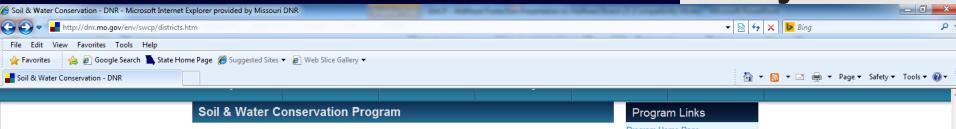
- FY13 Drought Assistance Program
  - -5,300 contracts
    - 2391 wells drilled
  - \$21.8 million

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#### Soil and Water Conservation Districts



#### District Directory

oblems from the Dust Bowl era caused the federal government to establish the Soil Erosion Service within the U.S. Department of the Interior. Less than two years later, the service was transferred to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and became the Soil Conservation Service. (The name of the Soil Conservation Service was changed in 1996 to Natural Resources Conservation Service.) After largescale projects proved too slow and cumbersome, individual state legislatures passed laws to form soil and water conservation districts

(SWCDs), Missouri joined this movement to localize soil and water administration in 1944, and Harrison County formed Missouri's first SWCD. In 1996, Washington County SWCD became the last of Missouri's 114 counties to organize into

Soil and water conservation districts are locally operated sub-units of state government organized according to state law. Districts are governed by a board of supervisors with five members. Four are elected from landowners in the county, who serve four-year terms, and the fifth is a representative from University Extension. Board members are public officials responsible for all district actions, decisions and employees, but districts have no regulatory or taxing authority. Board members are not paid.

In most cases, regular board meetings are held monthly and are open to the public. Most districts also have an annual meeting in which the past year's accomplishments are reviewed, awards are given and agricultural landowners from the county are invited to learn more about the various programs offered by the districts.

District programs utilize technical, financial and information services available from local, state and federal agencies. Most soil and water districts receive and administer locally generated funds as well as funds from the state government. They provide informational and educational activities including grazing schools and field tours. The Department of Natural Resources Soil and Water Conservation Program administers the state cost-share program and the Agricultural Nonpoint Source Pollution Special Area Land Treatment Program.

Soil and water conservation districts are local people solving local problems. Programs and services vary with each district. Contact your district for more information or to get involved with soil and water conservation in your area.

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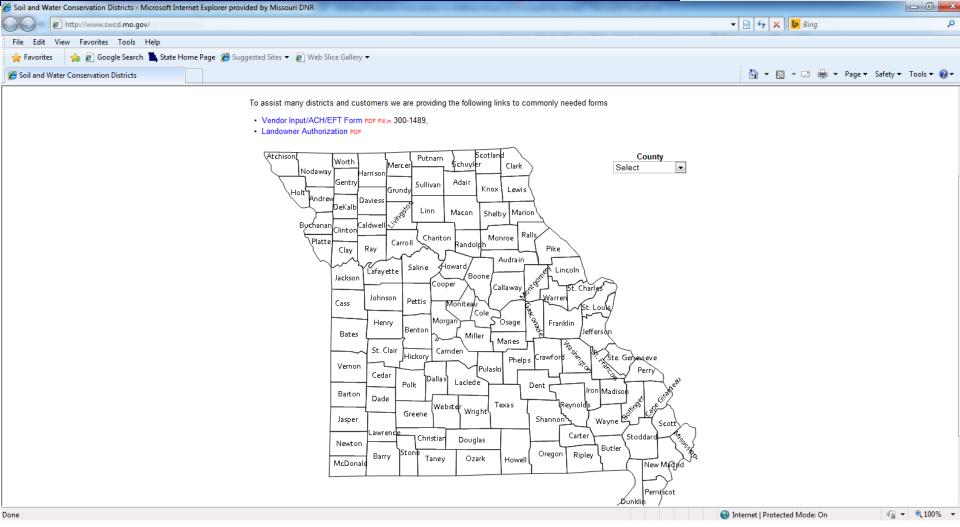
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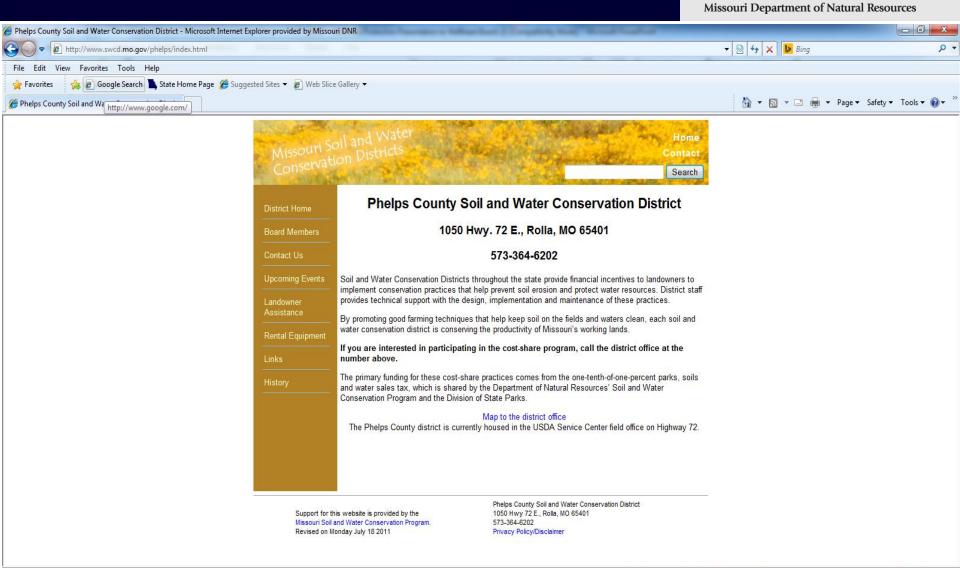
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